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***JAMES J. PETERS/BRONX VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER
DIETETIC INTERNSHIP/
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MASTER of SCIENCE PROGRAM in CLINICAL
NUTRITION***

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The James J. Peters/Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center Dietetic Internship is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association (120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 1-800-877-1600, ext 5400), from 2006 through 2016, when it will undergo re-accreditation.

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THE JAMES J PETERS/BRONX VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER DIETETIC INTERNSHIP/NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL NUTRITION

The James J. Peters/Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center (JJP/BVAMC) Dietetic Internship/New York University(NYU) Master of Science Program is conducted jointly by NYU's Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health, and the James J. Peters/Bronx Veterans Administration Medical Center . The coordinated program affords the opportunity to complete the dietetic internship and master of science (MS) degree in only 16 months. The program meets all requirements for dietetic registration eligibility as well as for the MS degree in Nutrition and Dietetics: Clinical Nutrition (HOND-CNU). Full accreditation by the American Dietetic Association's Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education has been granted since 1982.

The program accepts seven interns annually. The JJP/BVAMC pays each dietetic intern a stipend of \$13,834 during the 12-month clinical training period. During the first twelve months interns spend four days a week (1550 hours) in internship rotations and one day a week attending classes at NYU. The final four months of the program are spent as full-time master's students at NYU.

The Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system has been recognized as one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the nation. VA medical centers have a strong commitment to research, technology, and excellent inter-professional training and education programs. We are one of the largest employers of dietitians in the nation, with 163 medical centers throughout the US. Graduates of VA dietetic internships are given preference in hiring within VA medical centers. VA dietetic interns are awarded government service credit if they choose employment within a VA medical center and/or the federal government.

The James J Peters/Bronx VA is a state-of-the-art medical center with a 250- bed acute care hospital, a long-term facility, out-patient clinics, and a research building. Medical records are computerized. As a teaching hospital affiliated with Mount Sinai School of Medicine, clinical training is offered for a variety of health disciplines. Dietetic interns have a private office with computer access. Most clinical rotations provide a 1:1 dietetic intern-preceptor (Registered Dietitian) ratio.

PROGRAM MISSION

Achieve competence in nutrition knowledge and professional skills essential for entry-level dietitians in a rapidly changing environment.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Prepare dietetic interns for successful nutrition practice to the public, by providing experiences that establish strong foundation knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies.
2. Couple the strengths of each institution by combining the academic background of the university faculty with the expertise and experience of the JJP/BVAMC dietetics faculty to provide an educational program that cannot be met by either institution alone.
3. Provide an environment in which interns can develop professionalism, maturity and social responsibility by working closely with registered dietitians and members of the health care team in providing comprehensive and research-based nutritional care to clients.
4. Provide inter-professional education with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and competencies at an advanced level of training for successful communication, collaboration, critical thinking and research in the health care setting.
5. Provide a research component in which the intern understands the framework and performs the skills necessary to complete an original research project.
6. Prepare specialists in clinical dietetics with the skills, experience, and capability of assuming leadership positions in the profession of dietetics as clinicians, researchers, educators, administrators and consultants.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 16-month coordinated dietetic internship / master of science program.
- Dietetic interns are paid \$14,892 by the JJP/BVAMC over the 12-month supervised practice.
- 1550-hour internship, worked 32 hours per week, over four days per week (usually Tuesday - Friday) x 12 months.
- 34-credit MS degree in clinical nutrition from NYU scheduled over the 16-month period; NYU classes are one day per week during the supervised practice, then interns are full-time students in the final four months.
- Rotation locations include the JJP/Bronx VA, Manhattan VA, Queens (St. Albans) VA, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, and a variety of additional medical centers and community sites.

- Clinical training culminates in four weeks of independent staff relief, and provides an opportunity for first-hand experience as an entry-level dietitian.

Dietetic interns engage in grand rounds, debates, and educational activities designed to promote skills in public speaking and presentation. Classroom instruction consists of lectures by professionals in nutrition and medicine. New York City offers many opportunities for attending professional dietetics seminars and conferences.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- US citizenship
- Undergraduate degree (BS or BA) from an accredited college or university.
- Verification of completion (or Declaration of Intent to complete) of American Dietetic Association's Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) a defined set of undergraduate courses.
- A grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale where A=4.
- Students must take 15 graduate credits at NYU during their year at the VA, no matter how many graduate credits they may already have completed before starting the internship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to this program must fill out three (3) sets of application materials concurrently:

1. JJP/BVAMC Dietetic Internship

No application fee is required when applying to the JJP/BVAMC dietetic internship. Obtain information and application from:

Dietetic Internship Director
Nutrition & Food Program (120)
Veterans Affairs Medical Center
130 West Kingsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10468

Telephone: 718-584-9000 ext. 6845
Fax: 718-741-4238

2. New York University MS in Nutrition and Dietetics: Clinical Nutrition

Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. For information, including access to the *Steinhardt School of Education Graduate Bulletin* and application materials, please visit our website (www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition) and click on the appropriate links at the top of the page. For specific questions on admissions, please call the Steinhardt Graduate Admissions Office at 212-998-5030, or visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/admissions

The Bulletin contains detailed information for students with US or international undergraduate credentials on tuition and living costs, non-matriculated status, and financial aid.

In addition to all general application requirements, applicants to master's degree programs in nutrition (HOND) who have non-US credentials must present a course-by-course evaluation of their international credentials. A number of agencies can provide this service; however, NYU Steinhardt recommends World Education Services (WES). Greater detail on the evaluation services and costs may be found at www.wes.org.

Please note that the JJP/BVAMC Dietetic Internship is only available to US citizens.

Download an application from: www.steinhardt/nyu.edu/graduate.admissions/application.

Application deadline for Fall admission: FEBRUARY 1

* Note: when sending your application materials to NYU, be sure to state that you are applying to the JJP/BVAMC Dietetic Internship, because application fees are waived for this purpose.

For detailed information about the Master's Program in Clinical Nutrition please visit our website (www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition).

*Note: NYU offers another dietetic internship program at 900 hours. If interested, ask for the handout on the NYU Dietetic Internship or visit www.steinhardt/nyu.edu/nutrition.

3. American Dietetic Association Computer Matching Process

All applicants to Dietetic Internships (DI) must participate in computer matching. Applicants should request instructions and a mark/sense card to prioritize their DI preferences from D&D Digital Systems. This request should be made well ahead of time to allow turnaround time for submitting by early February 2009 postmark deadline. There is no charge for this material. However, there is a \$50 charge for computer matching, which is due with the applicant's prioritized ranking.

Address requests should be sent to:

D&D Digital Systems
304 Main Street, Suite 301
Ames, IA 50010-6148
Telephone: (515) 292-0490

OR

Visit their website: www.dnndigital.com

FINANCES

Income: Dietetic interns receive a government stipend of \$14,892, paid bi-weekly during the clinical component of the program in which they are interns at the JJP/BVAMC.

* Please note: Due to the full-time and intensive coordinated program, JJP/BVAMC dietetic interns are strongly advised not to work outside the program during the first 12 months of the internship.

Costs: Costs include, but are not limited to NYU tuition, living expenses, books, travel, meetings, and insurance. Information about NYU costs should be obtained from the current School of Education *Graduate Bulletin*, (available at www.steinhardt/nyu.edu) as they vary from year to year.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is available through NYU. JJP/BVAMC dietetic interns are eligible for full-time equivalency throughout the entire 16-month training period. *Please note: students will only receive direct financial aid when they are enrolled full-time at NYU. Full-time equivalency status will qualify interns for student loans, but not for financial aid awards until interns are registered for a full-time credit load of 12 credits in the final fall semester, and/or 6 credits in the summer semester. Information and applications for financial aid should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Aid
New York University
25 West 4th Street, First Floor
New York, NY 10012-1199

STUDENTS REQUIRING FINANCIAL AID MUST FILE A FAFSA BY FEBRUARY 1st TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from the American Dietetic Association, state and district dietetic associations, and other organizations. You may also request the Department's handout on scholarships.

HOUSING

Interns have the option of living in Mount Sinai Medical Center dormitories on Manhattan's upper east side (50 East 98th Street at Madison Avenue) during the first twelve months of the internship for reasonable rental rates; a free shuttle bus operates round trip between Mt. Sinai dormitories and the JJP/BVAMC. Interns also have housing options at NYU dormitories in or around Greenwich Village, or on their own. *Please note: housing is not available at the Mt. Sinai dormitories during the final four months of the program when interns are full-time students at NYU. To apply for graduate housing through NYU, consult the School of Education *Graduate Bulletin* for current information: www.steinhardt/nyu.edu. However, if you decline NYU dormitory housing upon admission, you will be wait-listed for NYU housing for the following semester. Prior interns have obtained housing for the final four months via NYU off-campus housing, sublets, and together as roommates in NYC.

TRANSPORTATION

A free shuttle bus operates round trip between the Mt. Sinai dormitories (Madison Avenue at 98th Street) and the JJP/BVAMC. The JJP/BVAMC, NYU and Mt. Sinai are readily accessible by subway and other means of public transportation. Free parking is available to interns at the JJP/Bronx and Queens VA sites.

JAMES J PETERS/BRONX VETERANS AFFAIRS DIETETIC INTERNSHIP/NYU MASTER'S PROGRAM NUTRITION AND DIETETICS: CLINICAL NUTRITION (HOND-CNU)

CURRICULUM

This 34-credit master's program is reserved for students accepted into the dietetic internship conducted in conjunction with the James J Peters/Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center. It begins during the Fall semester and continues for 16 months.

*Note: No E33 courses may be taken as pass/fail.

PREREQUISITE: Verification of BS/BA degree, and Verification Statement from Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

FIRST FALL SEMESTER

6 credits

E33.2190	Research Methods (3)	<i>(required)</i>
E33.2139	Advanced Nutrition Science: Proteins, Fats and Carbohydrates (3)	<i>(required)</i>
E33.2000.002	New Graduate Student Seminar (0)	<i>(required)</i>

SPRING SEMESTER

7 credits

E33.2144	Advanced Nutrition: Vitamins and Minerals (3)	<i>(required)</i>
<u>Advanced Applied Nutrition</u>		<i>(one required)</i>
Required:		
E33.2192	Nutritional Epidemiology (3), or	
E33.2207	Seminar in Advanced Nutrition (3)	

SUMMER SESSIONS

3 – 6 credits

Advanced Clinical Nutrition*

E33.2045	Sports Nutrition (3)
E33.2220	Nutrition & Aging (3)
E33.2222	Eating Disorders (3)

See course schedule for additional electives.

SECOND FALL SEMESTER

16 – 17 credits

Research

E33.2061	Research Applications (3)	<i>(required)</i>
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Additional Electives: (9-12 credits) see list on next page

Recommended Electives:

E33.2198	Nutrition Counseling Theory and Practice (3)
E33.2194	Weight Management (3)
E33.2041	Pediatric Nutrition (3)
E33.2043	Critical Care Nutrition (3)

* Students must take at least one Advanced Clinical Nutrition course during the Summer semester.